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Dear Paul,

Glad to see you have your own office and enough drag to get a phone number with four zeros.

Do you won't have to go into your files on Foreman I ^{quote} your words, "I suppose the charges stemming out of the wire tap are still current, but since everybody else was disposed of in the case, I presume his will never be heard."

I was not aware that all the defendants except Foreman had had the end come. I sure would like to know how with such. Obstructing justice, in my youth, was regarded with some seriousness. If you can send me copies of what is required to know what happened I sure would appreciate it.

Does this mean the Hunts are out from under? That Hirschkopf is not saddled with Foreman as a co-defendant with his clients the Hunts?

This reminds me that I have not heard from Jerry Patschen in some time. I presume you know he was Jon Kelley's cousin and hot for The Texas Tiger, as Foreman likes to be called. Did he make some kind of deal? (He impressed me favorably, by the way, but then I trust everybody.)

I saw some of the evidence against Foreman before the indictments. It was so solid!

You do not give the name of the Dallas investigative reporter you believe would be valuable to the House committee. If he is a friend of yours tell him to stay away from them - if they approach him, as I think unlikely. I have had my experiences with this outfit and I can tell you of no good one. They have been anti-democratic, totally contemptuous of legal rights and decencies and less wide than the infant who touches the hot iron for the first time. They have been manipulated by the ^{same} speaks so easily I cannot wonder if manipulation is the right word. It really is much worse than I can now tell you. You think you are having bad weather! For you, maybe. We've had snow on the ground longer than I can remember and I'm expecting the truck from the garage now after a week of hoping. Paul, any decent people, regardless of their politics, particularly any vulnerable people, should stay away from these characters. Maybe there will be a change after Congress acts. Until then if you have any friends who can be caught up in this, and I might come up with a few names, my non-lawyer's opinion is that they would be wise and within their rights to await the action of the Congress.

There has been no local reference to any testimony they took. I'd like to know from whom. Maybe they did some interviewing. I know of no authority for any staff member to do any deposing.

I hope everything is going well with you and that your new office leads to fine successes.

Sincerely,